

HOUSE BILL No. 1222

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-20-41.

Synopsis: STEM pathway network. Establishes the STEM pathways program to: (1) establish education support networks; (2) provide curricular material and support to schools; (3) provide professional development to educators; (4) evaluate schools and teachers; and (5) organize leadership support and professional development; in the disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Establishes the STEM pathways fund to carry out the purposes of the STEM pathways programs. Makes an appropriation.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-20-41 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]:

4 **Chapter 41. STEM Pathway Network**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the STEM**
6 **pathways fund established by section 4 of this chapter.**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "I-STEM Resource Network"**
8 **refers to a partnership of:**

9 (1) public and private postsecondary educational institutions;

10 (2) grade and secondary schools;

11 (3) businesses;

12 (4) governmental entities; and

13 (5) nonprofit STEM education providers.

14 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "STEM" refers to the**
15 **educational disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and**



1 mathematics.

2 **Sec. 4. (a) The STEM pathways fund is established for the**
 3 **purpose of allowing the state board to carry out the purpose of the**
 4 **fund under section 5 of this chapter.**

5 **(b) The fund consists of appropriations from the general**
 6 **assembly and gifts and grants to the fund.**

7 **(c) The state board shall administer the fund.**

8 **(d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**
 9 **money in the fund.**

10 **(e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**
 11 **revert to the state general fund.**

12 **(f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
 13 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
 14 **manner as other public funds may be invested.**

15 **Sec. 5. The state board, in consultation with the I-STEM**
 16 **Resource Network and the department, shall use money in the fund**
 17 **established by section 4 of this chapter, in a manner prescribed by**
 18 **the state board, to:**

19 **(1) establish at least five (5) regional STEM education support**
 20 **networks that link regional works councils and educational**
 21 **service centers with schools and other STEM education in the**
 22 **region;**

23 **(2) provide curricular material, training, and support to**
 24 **schools and other STEM education providers in the STEM**
 25 **disciplines;**

26 **(3) provide STEM professional development to teachers and**
 27 **other STEM educators;**

28 **(4) evaluate schools, regions, and statewide STEM**
 29 **implementation for STEM program alignment, teacher skills,**
 30 **teacher pedagogical content knowledge, and student**
 31 **achievement; and**

32 **(5) organize focused program leadership support, outreach,**
 33 **evaluations, and professional development among the STEM**
 34 **regional support networks established in subdivision (1).**

35 **Sec. 6. The state board may establish rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
 36 **administer this chapter.**

37 **SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015] (a) There is**
 38 **appropriated to the STEM pathways fund established by**
 39 **IC 20-20-41-4, as added by this act:**

40 **(1) seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for the**
 41 **state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30,**
 42 **2016; and**



1 **(2) seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) for the state fiscal year**
2 **beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017;**
3 **from the state general fund for use in carrying out the purposes of**
4 **the STEM pathways fund as described in IC 20-20-41-5, as added**
5 **by this act.**
6 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2017.**

